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1. On 9 December 1950, it was learned from workmen employed in the Panzer Kaserne, Prenzlau (T 54/14), that Lieutenant Colonel Kusmin, (fnu), Captain Rimyonov, (fnu), and Senior Lieutenant Tus, (fnu), were supply officers in the installation. At that time Captain Rimyonov was on a one-week leave in Kiev. 13 tanks stationed in the installation [REDACTED]

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2. At the beginning of December, large groups of young soldiers with closely cropped hair were repeatedly seen in the streets of Prenzlau. A photographer said that they were recruits.

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3. The Artillerie Kaserne in Prenzlau comprises installations on both sides of Berlinerstrasse. Between 9:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 11 December and between 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on 13 December it was observed that the smaller section on the northwest side of the street was occupied by tank units with about 800 men. The beds in the quarters were arranged in tiers of two. Troops observed on 11 December included about 100 soldiers taking basic drill in the barracks yard, about 30 soldiers working at the garages, about 10 soldiers chopping wood, about 120 soldiers receiving instruction on tanks, and about 400 men drilling in the training area southwest of the barracks installation. Troops seen on 13 December included about 100 men being instructed in the barracks yard, about 60 soldiers on fatigue duty, and about 500 soldiers drilling in the training area southwest of the installation. One of the two garages on Berlinerstrasse in the northwest section of the Artillerie Kaserne was vacant, while the other housed three small vehicles mounting a turret, possibly armored scout cars. Behind these two garages was a third, large garage which was fully occupied by 13 tanks, including tank [REDACTED]. Six additional garages farthest from Berlinerstrasse also seemed to house tanks. With the small garages having a capacity of 5 or 6 tanks and the large garages a capacity of 10 tanks, source thought that a minimum of 40 tanks and a maximum of 60 to 70 tanks were in the installation. On 11 and 13 December,

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25X1 three J3 tanks, including tanks [ ] and another  
 25X1 tank or AT gun were parked at the southwestern edge of the bil-  
 25X1 leting area. To the left of the numerical designation of tank  
 25X1 [ ] was the marking: ⊗ About 20 trucks were seen in each of  
 the two open garages in the southwestern corner of the barracks  
 installation. Four canvas-covered guns were emplaced at the  
 training field southwest of the Artillerie Kaserne. They were  
 the size of the former German light infantry guns. Next to the  
 guns were two AA machine guns covered with tarpaulins. Motor  
 25X1 vehicles [ ] were identified in  
 the billeting area on 11 December. About 30 groups, each of about  
 15 soldiers, were seen at the training field on 13 December en-  
 gaged in aiming practice, digging of foxholes, camouflage practice,  
 and developing and taking up of defensive positions. Four 15-man  
 groups were drilling with the guns in the emplacements. Reports  
 of guns firing practice cartridges individually were heard from  
 the woods southwest of the training field. Officers with ranks  
 up to captain, some of whom wore artillery and tank insignia, were  
 with the troops at the training field. Upon completion of the day's  
 training, about 150 soldiers marched to the barracks installation  
 on the southeast side of Berlinerstrasse. Most of the troops in  
 the installation were young soldiers. \*\*

4. The larger section of the Artillerie Kaserne, located on the  
 southeast side of Berlinerstrasse, quartered a mixed unit of  
 about 1,000 men. This section, having a billeting capacity of  
 about 3,000 troops, was therefore only partly occupied. On 11  
 and 13 December, soldiers were seen filling straw sacks. They wore  
 red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with artillery, tank,  
 and signal insignia. About 400 troops were seen drilling in the  
 barracks yard and about 500 troops engaged in field training in  
 the terrain south of the installation on 11 December. A total  
 of 300 to 350 troops were observed at drill and calisthenics in  
 the billeting area and 600 to 700 troops at field training in the  
 area south of the installation. A T-54 tank stood in front of  
 one of the garages. Some of the garages apparently housed AT  
 guns, of which only the barrels were seen through the windows.  
 Other garages, especially those in the northwestern section of  
 the billeting area, housed trucks. Still other garages were  
 vacant. In the southwestern section of the installation there  
 were five temporary kitchen buildings, with 11 field kitchens  
 25X1 parked in a nearby shelter. Radio truck [ ] with a fold-  
 ing wooden antenna mast, about 20 meters high, stood at the  
 southern edge of the billeting area. It was operated by two  
 soldiers. A mortar of about 80 mm caliber was seen north of the  
 radio truck with two soldiers working on it. Twelve AT guns with  
 a caliber of not less than 76 mm were parked in front of the  
 25X1 garages on 13 December. [ ]

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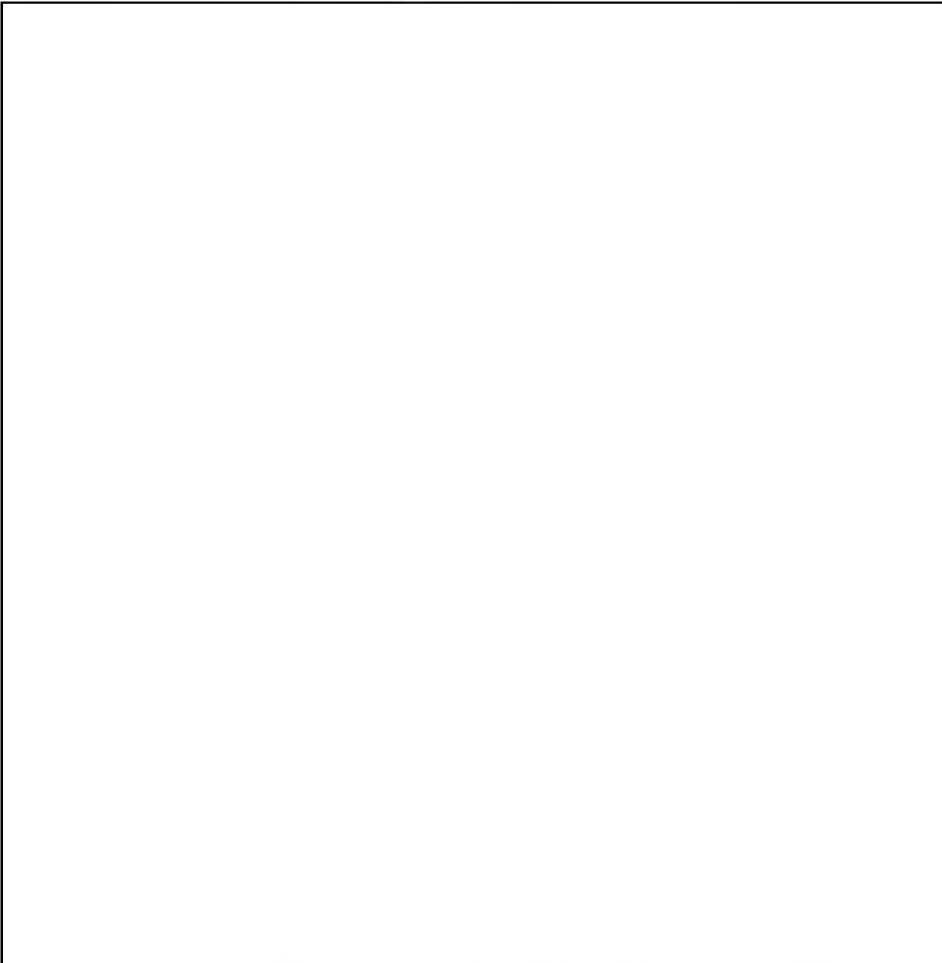
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6. The settlement north of the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by officers and their families. Passenger car [redacted] occupied by a lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was identified at the settlement on 11 December.

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7. On 19 December, the smaller section of the Artillerie Kaserne on the northwest side of Berlinerstrasse was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. About 20 unarmed soldiers were drilling in the barracks yard, while about 20 soldiers received instruction on a JF tank standing beside two canvas-covered tanks, apparently also of type JF. About 20 men were on fatigue duty. The open garages in the southwestern section of the billeting area housed about 40 trucks. Troops observed at the training field southwest of the installation included five groups of 10 to 12, practicing movements in the terrain, a unit of 30 to 40 men aiming submachine guns, a unit of 30 to 40 soldiers aiming rifles, a sergeant and eight M1 aiming a 76-mm AT gun, about 100 soldiers practicing the emplacement of five mortars of about 120 mm caliber, and about 40 soldiers drilling with three emplaced guns.

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8. The larger section of the Artillerie Kaserne on the southeast side of Berlinerstrasse quartered troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery, tank, and signal insignia. Ten groups, each of about 40 men, received infantry training in the barracks yard. Eight 76.2-mm AT guns were parked at the garages in the center of the billeting area. Infantry drill by seven groups of 10 to 12 men was observed at the training field south of the barracks installation. Four officers and 50 FM, equipped with entrenching tools, marched from the training area to the quarters. About six officers and 20 to 100 FM were engaged in target practice with rifles in the gravel pit south-west of the larger section of the Artillerie Kaserne.

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25X1 \* [ ] Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Kusmin, (fnu), was identified  
 25X1 [ ] as the supply officer of three tank battalions  
 25X1 in Prenzlau in August 1950. [ ]  
 25X1 [ ] a total of 89 tanks  
 should be stationed in the Panzerkaserne, Prenzlau. According to  
 the peacetime T/O, a tank regiment has 44 tanks. The 11th Tank  
 Regt of the 25th Tank Div is definitely believed to be stationed  
 in Prenzlau. A report of May 1950 vaguely indicated that the  
 division's 175th Tank Regt is also located there. [ ]  
 25X1 Who is the two tank regiments actually be located in Prenzlau,  
 the statement that 89 tanks were stationed there would be correct.  
 25X1 \*\* [ ] Comment. Source supplied only general data on training and  
 equipment, which preclude an estimate of the actual occupation.  
 It is possible, however, that the section of the Artillerie Ka-  
 serne on the northwest side of Berlinerstrasse quarters not less  
 than a tank regiment, and that the section of the Artillerie Ka-  
 serne on the southeast side of the street is perhaps occupied by  
 the 30th Itz Rifle Regt of the 25th Tank Div. See also [ ]  
 25X1 Comment above.

25X1 \*\*\* [ ] the 1081st Fow Arty Regt  
 during World War II. The regiment was once reported by a " " to  
 have been located in the level Kalinin Oblast, in December 1943.  
 25X1 [ ]  
 25X1 [ ] It probably belongs to an  
 unidentified component of the 25th Tank Div.

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